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TELEGRAMS.

THE RIOTS IN CHINA.

LONDON, August 24th.

A telegram to the Standard from Shanghai states that an amicable arrangement with the Great Powers is expected.

THE RUSSIAN PRESS COMPLACENT.

Generally favourable comments regarding the reception of the French fleet at Portsmouth are made by the Russian press.

DESPERATE FIGHTING IN CHILI.

August 25th.

Terrific fighting took place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before Valparaiso, between the Government troops and the insurgents. A fierce battle was fought on Sunday, the carnage was fearful, but the result of the encounter is unknown, as the telegraph wires have been cut.

CAPTURE OF VALPARAISO.

August 25th.

The insurgents captured Valparaiso on Thursday. President Balmaceda has lost all power and is a fugitive. There is every prospect of peace being established in a few days.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The steamship *Hankow* was released from quarantine at Singapore on the 26th ult.

FILLIS Circus is stated to have cleared twenty thousand guilders during its recent stay in Samarang.

We learn by cablegram that the E. & A. Co.'s steamship *Alma*, Captain Winthrop Ellis, from Sydney direct to Shanghai, has run ashore somewhere near Woosung bay, whilst in charge of a pilot. Nothing serious is apprehended, and it is expected that the steamer will be floated without difficulty.

As will be seen by some correspondence in another column, Mr. Chesney Duncan, a popular member of our staff who left for Bangkok a few months ago to join the *Bangkok Times*, will shortly return to Hongkong to manage the business of the local Mercantile Marine Officers' Association.

At the instance of a sailor belonging to the sailing ship *Nancy Pendleton*, J. T. Pattison, second mate of that craft, was charged at the Magistracy this morning with assault. It was but a trivial case, and as the defendant admitted having struck the sailor, a fine of two Mexicanas was inflicted.

The next sensation in the Divorce Court at home will be the important question whether an insane woman can be held to be guilty of adultery. In the case in which this important issue is to be fought out, a number of medical men have been subpoenaed, and their evidence is anticipated with great interest.

THIS is Butterfieldian politeness, not Chesterfieldian—Circus Agent, making telephonic inquiries of the agents as to the whereabouts of the steamer *Hankow*, asks why she went into Manila, and gets this answer back: "What the b— is that to do with you?" Telephone colloquies. Mr. Edwin Mackintosh will respond to the toast.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square to-morrow, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:—

March—"The Piper's Tune" (Grove).
Lancers—"The Old Guard" (Grove).
Volunteers—"The Piper's Tune" (Grove).
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AFTER many futile attempts to capture the well-known gang of Tze Fa lottery ticket sellers, the efforts of Inspector Hanson were yesterday crowned with success when he succeeded in arresting all of the fraternity on the Kowloon Road. They were charged before Mr. A. G. Wise this morning, and were ordered to plunk down \$25 each, which behest they cheerfully acceded to.

AN awkward *contratempo* happened last evening at the funeral of the late Mr. D. Ferguson of the Naval Yard. "The Undertakers" here took it into their heads to "strike work," and notwithstanding the efforts of Brown, Jones & Co.'s experts positively refused to move. Fortunately a file of marines were in attendance, who quickly procuring a gun carriage, conveyed the body to its last resting place.

THE crew of the Nova Scotian barque *Zedna Gondry* appeared in a body at the Magistracy to-day, and applied to Mr. Wise for a warrant for the arrest of the Captain, a man named Manning, whom they charge with having been the cause of the suicide of a sailor whilst on the passage to Hongkong. The Magistrate refused to issue a warrant, but granted a summons calling upon Manning to put in an appearance at the Central to-morrow.

THERE are three causes of depression in mining shares—diabolical agents, lying discoveries and interested newspapers—so says a correspondent to a mining contemporary. For the first, no fees should be paid till the company is able to pay dividends; for the second, don't advertise samples, shareholders are beginning to suspect a discovery as a means of getting rid of shares by those who are in the swim for the third, clean hands and no meddling with scrip for journalists.

Two men named Chow Pin and Li Yig were charged before the magistrate this morning with having brought a lad named Yeung Hing from Canton, into this colony, for an unlawful purpose. The first defendant admitted the charge and was sentenced to six months imprisonment, and the second who claimed that the youth had been given to him by a boarding-house keeper, was ordered to find two sureties of \$50 each for his good behaviour for six months, or to be "jugged" for the term. The term won.

NZWS reaches us from Canton that the chief officer of the Chinese store-ship *Lee Yuen*—Mr. Shewan, if we mistake not—was found dead in his bunk at an early hour yesterday morning. He had been at the Customs Club, Hoam, the previous night, and after playing several games at billiards, left for his home in the morning, but of his health. We refrain from referring to the various rumours current as to the cause of death until the results of the post mortem examination and inquiry at the British Consulate reach us.

ONE of the most perfect specimens of ingenious mechanism that we have seen for a long time is a "toy" Smith and Wesson's patent automatic ejecting revolver that a kind friend has presented our office with. It has all the good points of all the "shooting irons" ever invented, and half a hundred more that the others lack. The principal of these is a patent safety spring which renders an accidental discharge absolutely impossible and it is guaranteed never to miss the object it is aimed at—and that's the sort of gun we like.

WITH reference to the late sensational case tried in the local Supreme Court, we are informed on good authority that the plaintiffs refused an offer of \$20,000 to compromise the matter, on the advice of their counsel, Mr. J. N. Francis, Q.C., who is stated to have predicted certain victory for his clients. If true, this is another striking illustration of the old adage that "there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip." We are informed that defendants' counsel (Mr. W. H. Drummond) brief, fee, refreshers, etc., totalled \$3,500.

Mr. E. B. Wolf, late of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., was a few weeks ago acting as clerk in "The Australia," the well Sydney hotel. An old China hand met him there, and, strange to say, the orthodoxy of that dictionnary luminary, Plantagenet Littlewood of evergreen memory, didn't recognize an ancient acquaintance until, after various suggestive reminders, he did eventually. We trust Wolf is not in charge of the books of "The Australia," as if so, the auditors are in for an agreeable holiday.

OWING to several cases of hydrophobia in Batavia, measures have been taken for the destruction of all dogs found in the streets unmuzzled.

THE steamship *Angerton*, which arrived at Singapore from Surabaya on August 25th reported that Mr. Walter Crawford, chief engineer, had died two days previously of malarious fever and heart disease.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co.) that the China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Katsow*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal to-day, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 20th inst.

THE extent to which some people carry the mourning crane is at present being ludicrously exhibited in the streets of Hongkong, when a certain young nobleman, who may or may not be a Hongkong magnate, can be seen talking his ailing abroad with his coolies elegantly braided with elaborately designed badges of woe. Why chair-coolies should be required to share in the grief of their employers is something that can not be readily conceived by ordinary mortals.

THE *Penny Gazette* of the 22nd August thinks that the commercial troubles there have reached their worst stage, and that signs are not wanting that the extent of the depression has been estimated too highly. The tenders for the Opium and Spirit Farm, though they show caution, show also confidence; and they are probably the best criterion of the actual condition of affairs in that Settlement. It also ascribes the crisis partly to the European merchants there allowing unreasonable and unwarrantable terms of credit to natives.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to us asking what methods he should apply in initiating a prosecution against the person or persons responsible for the unprotected play which exists in several places in the streets at present. He states that whilst riding home from Happy Valley on a recent night, both he and his pony fell right into an abyss, but luckily escaped without serious damage. If our correspondent will send us fuller particulars as to the locality and the extent of his injuries, we will promptly provide the desired instructions.

THE case of *Turner v. Bomanjee* came on for hearing to-day before the Acting Justice Judge, who awarded damages to the amount of \$350, and costs; the money to be paid in monthly instalments of \$50 each. It will be remembered that some months ago Mr. Bomanjee's "riches" coolies ran into the complainant, causing him serious injuries, but so far as Mr. Bomanjee was personally concerned he was in no way responsible for the accident, and rendered all the assistance in his power. He, however, had to pay for the negligence of his servants, and has our sympathy; but this case will no doubt be noted by those members of the spread-eagle fraternity who delight to travel at express speed. After a careful perusal of the evidence, we shall do justice to this case fairly, impartially, and without prejudice. At present it appears to us that a gross miscarriage of justice has been perpetrated.

A SIGHT sensation was created on Saturday afternoon in the rooms of the Brokers' Association when Mr. Ross, clerk to the establishment, suddenly fell from his office-stool in a dead faint and lay like a log on the floor. The consternation amongst the members inside the room quickly spread outside, and the door-way was in a few seconds crowded with passers-by, anxious to know what had occurred. Amongst others who entered the sacred portals to lend assistance were the possibly coming to the sick man, were Mr. H. N. Mody, the large-hearted Napoleon of the Hongkong Share Market, and Mr. Kuhn, of the popular and well-known Japanese curio store on the opposite side of the street. A person named Hercules John Scott, described as a broker, then appeared prominently on the scene. It is not recorded that the last-named individual offered to lend a hand in bringing Mr. Ross out of his swoon; what he did was to loudly interrogate the Chinese office-boy as to whether "that fellow there," pointing to Mr. Kuhn, "was a member of the Association?" The question was altogether superfluous, and Hercules John Scott knew quite well that the gentleman he was interrogating did not belong to the ancient and honorable guild of brokers; but this ornament to the brokers' ranks wanted to be officious and not contented with the "no sauer" of the Chinese boy, he must needs, in an unnecessarily offensive tone, repeat the query to Mr. W. H. Young, the hon. secretary of the Association. We regret that we are not in a position to report that this exhibition of low-down snobbery was not treated as it deserved, by a sound kicking, but we live in hopes that this little ceremony will eventuate the first time Mr. Kuhn and Hercules John Scott meet on neutral territory. Mr. H. N. Mody is not a member of the Brokers' Association, but he was by far too powerful an opponent to be assailed and insulted by this valiant self-constituted amateur policeman. Mr. Ross, the unfortunate cause of the little *contratempo* above described, rapidly recovered from his attack, without having suffered any material injury. And who is Hercules John Scott, anyhow?

IN Java, according to a local paper, the Dutch smuggling goes on extensively and the Dutch Government is doing its best to check it. The attached thesmes are as follows: They could to various parts of his lightly covered person. With a wild cry of horror the unfortunate victim rushed frantically for the door to seek assistance, but none would come. Suddenly a ray of light shone through his bewilderment, and he rushed straightway for the sea at a 500 fath. There are many tales of athletic feats told by the natives of fair Macao, but even the oldest inhabitant has had reluctantly to allow that the jump taken by the agile and now almost frantic "benevolence" eclipsed all that had ever been seen or chronicled, even in the venerable records of the old-time warriors of the "Gen of the Orient earth." He plunged over the Praya wall into the briny, and the crabs in the vicinity, being both numerous and mighty, the unfortunate was speedily devoured. What befell the Manager? Oh! he went and hid himself in the kitchen-boiler and was that evening served up as lobster for the few remaining guests. There should be a moral to this tale, but somehow we have lost the thread of it, and having killed the two main actors, there is nothing left but to close this mournful history or go for the crab—but we never touch 'em! [Oh I dry up, Ed.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in the columns.]

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—At a well attended meeting held last night by the members of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association at their rooms in College Chambers, letters from the London and Liverpool Associations were read, and as many of your readers are doubtless interested in the Sunday Cargo-working Ordinance, we have the honor to hand you a copy of a letter which has been received from the Liverpool Association

THE British steamer *Banjermassin*, which arrived at Singapore from Surabaya on the 26th ult., brought several more persons who had been shipwrecked in the Hong Ann.

THE Very Rev. Canon Pinto, vicar of the Portuguese Church of St. Joseph's at Singapore, died at Goa on the 9th inst. In 1885 the deceased was made a Canon of the See of Macao, and a Knight of a Portuguese Order for valuable services rendered to the Portuguese Missions in Singapore and Timor Dilly. Canon Pinto left Singapore on the 6th May last for the benefit of his health on a year's leave of absence but, on arrival at Bombay, it was found that his health was so much worse that his death was generally anticipated.

AN engineer belonging to the *Glennalloch* was up before Mr. Wise this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct and attempted suicide. The defendant was but a young man and had evidently been on what in the vernacular is termed a "spree." The police fished him out of the water over at Talm-sha-tui, and upon being landed he became very abusive, whereupon he was locked up. Whilst in "chokie" he tried to hang himself with his clothing, but luckily did not succeed. Mr. Wise remanded him until Saturday, by which time no doubt the unfortunate fellow will have come to his senses, and perhaps what has happened will then be a revelation to him.

THE London Daily Telegraph credits the Emperor of Germany with having a ready wit, and quotes the following apocryphal yarn as an instance:—During the visit to Lord Salisbury at Hatfield, during luncheon, Madame Waddington's necklace became unfastened, and Senhor de Soveral, the Portuguese Minister, who was sitting next to her, hastened to assist the wife of the French Ambassador in fixing the clasp. Observing this, the Kaiser exclaimed jocularly, "Here's Portugal trying to strangle France!" and when the Prince of Wales came to the rescue, added, "Worse and worse there's Great Britain helping her to do it!"—a remark which caused much merriment among the Emperor's immediate neighbors, one of whom was M. Waddington, who laughed heartily at this good-humored sally, which was clearly addressed to him. If this is not a lie, we refrain, for decency's sake, from commenting on high life upstairs.

WHEN the budding novelist is bursting with desire to flood the world with the lustre of his genius, he generally chooses for his theme some touching tale whose moral is ever invariably triumphant and willing to ever wash down the soft-eyed maid and the immaculate man, and take for our subject the common or garden crab—the edible crab and how it came about that this story is to be told happened thusly:—On the last "Lord's" day four sinners of the stamp of those who counted money in the temple, growing weary of the heat of Hongkong fled them to that fair little dot on the ocean where *fantas* and the *cynocéphalus Portugalia* flourish so well. Rooms were engaged at the best hotel, a sumptuous repast consisting of crabs was ordered, and then the pilgrims betook them to worship at the shrine of Mammon. They played with varied luck for an hour or two, and then went back to rest, and to enjoy a banquet which they fondly hoped would be awaiting them. But as the poet sang,

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a-gley."

And so they had in this instance, for the choicest dish of all—the crabs, was missing. Discontent was rife, and this led to the manager of the establishment being interviewed. He explained that his show was run on economical lines and that as crabs had gone up a cash or two, he didn't see his way to indulge the visitors in their desired extravagance, whereupon the four sojourners took umbrage and, like Achilles of old, went skulking to their rooms. A consultation was held in the managerial regions below and it was unanimously decided that, even if grim rules were to follow, the crabs must be procured and the wrath of the upstairs worriers appeased. A message to this effect was sent up to the leader of the hungry quartette, who for the sake of euphony we will call "Benevolence." Now B. was just in the midst of a nap, enjoying happy visions of the Promised Land, and he liked not to be disturbed. He therefore turned on the "boy" and mildly rebuked him, saying he might go and perform an acrobatic feat with the crabs for he (B.) didn't want them. The mischief had been done, however, for the ludicrous *crustacea* had been bought, and to add insult to injury by now refusing to take them was too much for the managerial nerves, so, seizing the bundle (ill-luck), Bonobonists furiously dashed into the presence of the upstairs worriers, who for the sake of euphony we will call "Benevolence." Now B. was just in the midst of a nap, enjoying happy visions of the Promised Land, and he liked not to be disturbed. He therefore turned on the "boy" and mildly rebuked him, saying he might go and perform an acrobatic feat with the crabs for he (B.) didn't want them. The mischief had been done, however, for the ludicrous *crustacea* had been bought, and to add insult to injury by now refusing to take them was too much for the managerial nerves, so, seizing the bundle (ill-luck), Bonobonists furiously dashed into the presence of the upstairs worriers, who for the sake of euphony we will call "Benevolence."

There was just sufficient "down" on the summit of the cranium to afford a gripping place for another chap who clapped him round the neck in a loving embrace, whilst the balance attached themselves as an aid to the various parts of his lightly covered person. With a wild cry of horror the unfortunate victim rushed frantically for the door to seek assistance, but none would come. Suddenly a ray of light shone through his bewilderment, and he rushed straightway for the sea at a 500 fath. There are many tales of athletic feats told by the natives of fair Macao, but even the oldest inhabitant has had reluctantly to allow that the jump taken by the agile and now almost frantic "benevolence" eclipsed all that had ever been seen or chronicled, even in the venerable records of the old-time warriors of the "Gen of the Orient earth." He plunged over the Praya wall into the briny, and the crabs in the vicinity, being both numerous and mighty, the unfortunate was speedily devoured. What befell the Manager? Oh! he went and hid himself in the kitchen-boiler and was that evening served up as lobster for the few remaining guests. There should be a moral to this tale, but somehow we have lost the thread of it, and having killed the two main actors, there is nothing left but to close this mournful history or go for the crab—but we never touch 'em! [Oh I dry up, Ed.]

and trust you will find room for it in your esteemed column.

(Copy of letter.)

B. M. M. O. A.

Liverpool, 18th June, 1891.

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 30th April and 6th of May last, and allow me to congratulate you upon the pronounced success of your movement and the liberal-mindedness of your late Governor. The subject was brought before the Council at their meeting on Tuesday last and I was instructed to convey to your President, Capt. Samuel Ashton, the heartiest good wishes and mutual greetings of this body upon the passing of a measure designed to afford relief to so many of our joint members trading to your Colony.

We are in communication with the Colonial Office as to the passing of the Bill and purpose completing the thorough appreciation of the kind and kindly bodies at the time thus conferred upon Hongkong, so as to frustrate if possible any future attempt that may be made to repeal the Law. If Sir W. de Vaux passes through Liverpool on his arrival in the United Kingdom, we hope to have the pleasure of thanking him in person for the service he has rendered the profession.

Again heartily congratulating you.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) J. J. GRYLLS, Secretary.

per pro, C. P. Grylls.

The Association has arranged with Mr. Duncan to return to Hongkong, and to take over the management of the Association. Mr. Bathurst, who acted as Chairman upon the occasion, said that no doubt the Association would flourish and enlarge itself by Mr. Duncan's untiring efforts to push it forward.

By order of the Committee,

B. M. M. O. A.

College Chambers,

August 3rd, 1891.

THE LATE GOVERNOR CHANG YAO.

YAO.

IN an article on Chang Yao in the *N. C. Daily News* of the 24th ult., there are some points wanting in correctness, no doubt through lack of information, as the late Governor had little to do with foreigners, spending his life and rendering his services almost exclusively in Honan, Kansu, the New Dominion, and Shantung. Here, excepting a few missionary matters, no foreign affairs were to be transacted, no foreign relations to be cultivated. Perhaps a short sketch of his life may be interesting! Chang Yao was a native of Lili, a district under the Soochow prefecture of the Kiangsu province. Tall in stature, powerful in strength, but devoid of education, being neither able to read nor write, he worked as a rice carrier in a rice shop. One day he was carrying a bag of rice in the street, when he saw a human being sitting outside an old man and pummeling the prostrate one with might and main. Chang Yao's blood boiled at the sight of this cruelty, and his nature revolted at the strong beating the weak. He raised his bag of rice and brought it down with his shewy arms on the head of the inhuman wretch, breaking his neck and killing him instantly. He became a murderer without intending to be one, and fled to Kiangling, in Shantung, where he concealed himself so effectually that justice did not get hold of him. He then journeyed to Kussu, a district in Honan. These were the troublous times of the rising of the Nientze, local bandits, and Chang Yao, by the might of his arms and reckless daring, became the recognised leader of the roughs and rowdies of Kussu. He, however, restrained his band of bad characters with an iron hand, and no case was ever reported against him or his followers of misdeeds, breach of the peace, violence, or black-mailing. He apparently had other objects in view than simply the leading of a lawless life. Perhaps he secretly entertained the scheme of utilizing the evil spirits he banded together for his own elevation. The Nientze, as an over-running and devastating many cities at last made their appearance before the gates of Kussu with a force of many thousands. The magistrate was in terrible perplexity. He had no soldiers, no money at hand, but he was equal to the emergency. He sent out a proclamation calling for volunteers and offered his daughter to any man who would secure the safety of the city. Now or never was the opportunity Chang Yao so longed for. He presented himself at the *yamen*, backed up by 500 of the worst characters, but all death-dealing men. He signed the contract and swore to give as long as he breathed. For the first time he showed his soldierly qualities. The city was assaulted night and day. Chang Yao repelled every attack, never knew sleep, rest, or food for many a day, and never flinched. One bright morning the Imperial banners were discerned at a distance and commotion was perceived in the camps of the Nientze. Shih Pao, the Tartar Generalissimo, was attacking the bandits' rear with a large force. Impatient to join in the conflict, Chang Yao beat the drum to gather his small but courageous band. He addressed them as follows: "Know that you are the lowest scum, but by your bravery you have become superior to the best of this city. Help is at hand and our services will be no longer valued, unless we prove ourselves as good fighters in the field as defenders behind the walls; and what is the use of becoming soldiers but for the pleasure of chopping up our enemies? Now follow me and show the Imperial troops that we are as good as they." With a shout the brave band of 500 men rushed after him through the gates, which were thrown open without the magistracy's permission, and fell pell-mell on the unsuspecting bandits, who were concentrating their attention, and force to oppose the Imperialists. This unexpected movement from the city threw the Nientze into utter consternation and a general rout followed. The evening following the victory witnessed the marriage ceremony performed between Chang Yao and the magistracy's daughter, the decoration of Chang Yao with a button of the sixth rank, and Shih Pao slitting the child guests' chair, drinking copiously. The military career of Chang Yao began by his following the banners of Shih Pao, with his 500 comrades. We find him next occupying the magistracy of Kussu, the post of father-in-law. He began to educate himself at that time, and won a glorious name as a ruler. Rapidly he advanced until we see him as Provincial Treasurer of Honan, when an unexpected misfortune forced him to turn once more a soldier. An impetuous Hanlin asked him for a loan of 300 taels, but Chang Yao, being always clean-handed, had not the amount to meet the request. The Hanlin considered the refusal an insult, and when he reached Peking he wrote a crazy memorial to the Throne. The Hanlin said that the Mohammedan rebellion in Kansu and the New Dominion was assuming alarming proportions, that good generals were wanted, that Chang Yao was a military genius but could not read or write, that he was better fitted for active field service than the duties of a Treasurer, and that he should be promoted from his present post to Lieutenant-General. The

Throne sanctioned the request and Chang Yao received an order to proceed to the north-west with the rank of Lieutenant-General. Grieved at heart and indignant at the unjust treatment, as from the Chinese point of view the apparent promotion from the Treasurer to the rank of Lieutenant-General was in reality degradation, Chang Yao pleaded sickness and begged permission to retire. A severe edict reminding him for ingratitude and conferring upon him the rank of General and the Commission of Deputy Imperial Commissioner for new scenes, Long years were passed in these bleak and deserted regions, when the Seventh Prince recalled him to Peking at the head of his own army of 11,000 strong, to defend the Imperial seat, as there were rumours about the French intending to make demonstrations at the northern port. The score passed away and Chang Yao was appointed Governor of Kuangsi. But Prince Chun detained him. He stayed in the metropolis and was instructed to deepen the city moats and water courses. The soldiers performed the work, which was rapidly completed. Who knows but the great rapidity, engineering skill, and scientific observation displayed by Chang Yao in executing this piece of work had to a certain extent influenced the Prince with the idea that he was a fit personage to take care of the Yellow River, and ultimately procured for him the Governorship of Shantung? At any rate Chang Yao took the seals of the most interesting province of the older times and administered it with a seal, justice and vigour, that surpassed almost all his predecessors. I got into Shantung about the same time as Chang Yao took office. His works on the Yellow River cannot be considered, from a scientific point of view, excellent or even good, but he worked honestly. What knowledge he possessed about water-courses he devoted to making improvements. He failed to curb the fury of the most obstinate, eccentric, and destructive of rivers, not because he did not do so, but because he could think of no more to be done. In the pouring rain or burning sun he always appeared on horseback to inspect the dykes, to cheer on the workers, and to reward and punish the officials as the case might require. He cut down the river fund, which is still enormous. He allowed no squeezing, which he detected and punished with no light hand. Some abuses, of course, existed among his subordinates, but he kept a clean hand and a clear conscience. I can assert positively that not one cent of the river expenditure ever stained his fingers. I know of one instance of his refusing a customary present of 2,000 taels. About two years ago, on the night of the last day of the Chinese year, there was not one cash in the whole *yamen*, and the next day, being the first day of the year, would need a great deal of money to pass the day of the new year. The officials, being servants, etc., Chang Yao had to obtain money by sending through the back door twenty-four trunks of his and his wife's clothing to the pawnshop, and this is a true and indisputable fact, well-known to most of the inhabitants of Chusan Fu, who would mention this incident with tears in their eyes. I remember hearing this expression from Chang Yao, when he was pressed by his accountant to accept some valuable present with the argument that at least he must look after the interests of his children:—"I was a poor man before I rose into power, and after my death the Emperor and the people shall not find my family richer than I was. My children, if they are like me, will be able to take care of themselves; if they are not all the worse for me." He set up a sort of hotel near the *yamen* to accommodate all the poor students or applicants for work, providing them with food, clothing, and pay, which varied in accordance with their abilities. In four years he contracted personally with Shantung bankers the very large debt of 280,000 taels, and this very fact is a proof that he did not tamper with the Government money nor accept official perquisites. The Government owed him during the eighteen years 1,400,000 taels, as pay to his soldiers. Great must have been the affection of his soldiers for him, especially Chinese soldiers, to induce them to leave so large an account unsettled. The people of Shantung call him "Chang the Blue Sky," because of his justice, fairness, kindness and love towards the poor, the peasantry and famine-stricken people. Few Governors have had the fortune to be so called. Chang Yao's goodness will be remembered by his Shantung followers, subjects for generations to come, and songs will be sung in his honour, as long as the Chinese language exists.—"W" in the *N. C. Daily News*.

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